

Appl. No. 09/802,121
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments

The specification is amended to reference U.S. Patent Application Serial Numbers where temporarily referenced by Attorney Docket Numbers. Additionally, the claims are modified in the amendment. More specifically, claim 14 has been amended; and new claims 20 and 21 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-21 are present for examination. No new matter is added by these amendments. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 1-13 are allowed.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection, Luick et al.

The Office Action has rejected amended claims 14-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,890,009 to Luick et al. (hereinafter "Luick"). Claim 14 is amended to require that the three preceding steps be associated with a single instruction. As pointed out by the Examiner, Luick may be capable of doing something similar to what is claimed, but requires multiple sub-instructions in a VLIW instruction word to do so if Applicant understands the Office Action. Amended claim 14 can perform these actions with a single instruction. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

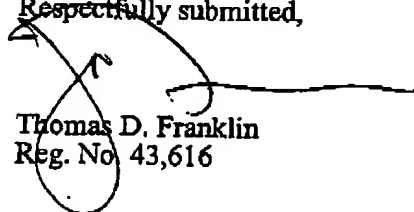
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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